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SUBJECT: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING - VIEWS OF
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REF: MEXICO 7432

1. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR HANDLING OF THE APPROACH
BY DIRECTOR RUBIO ORBE OF INDIAN INSTITUTE, AND WILL QUICKLY
RESPOND TO HIS COMMUNICATION WHEN RECEIVED.

2. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, THE USDEL IN SPECIAL COMMIT-
TEE HAS STRONGLY OPPOSED LIMITATION OF OAS SPECIALIZED
ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FUTURE TO RESEARCH, INFORMATIONAL AND
ADVISORY FUNCTIONS, AS SUGGESTED BY ECUADOREAN ALTERNATE
DELEGATE VEINTIMILLA DURING SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS OF
OAS STRUCTURE. HIS VIEWS HAVE THUS FAR RECEIVED ALMOST
NO ECHO AMONG OTHER DELEGATES.

3. MEXICAN DELEGATION IN SUBCOMMITTEE HAS CIRCULATED A
PAPER WHICH, IF ACTED UPON, COULD LEAD TO CONVERSION OF THE
FOUR SMALLEST INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS(THESE
ARE: PAIGH, IAI, IA CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE, AND IA COMMISSION
OF WOMEN.) TO ADVISORY COMMISSIONS ON THEIR AREA OF CONCERN.

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MEXDEL HAS SUPPLIED ALMOST NO DETAILS, ESPECIALLY AS TO THE

TWO AGENCIES LOCATED IN MEXICO CITY, PAIGH AND IAIL, WHICH ARE FINANCED OUTSIDE OAS BUDGET. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, MEXICANS HAVE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE SIZE AND NATURE OF

FUNCTIONS ("ACADEMIC") OF THESE TWO AGENCIES DO NOT WARRANT THEIR CONTINUATION IN SAME OAS CATEGORY AS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR AGENCIES LIKE PAHO AND IA INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE. . MORE RECENTLY, HOWEVER, MEMBERS MEXDEL HAVE INDICATED THAT THIS APPROACH MAY NOT BE PURSUED, POSSIBLY AS RESULT APPROACHES BY RUBIO ORBE.

4. OUR POSITION ON THESE MEXDEL SUGGESTIONS HAS NOT BEEN DEFINED, MAINLY FOR LACK OF DETAILS. USDEL HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE SUGGESTED MODIFICATION OF THE FOUR SMALLER SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS TO A FORM MORE APPROPRIATE TO THEIR SIZE AND NATURE, AS HAVE OTHER DELEGATIONS. USDEL HAS ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION OF USEFUL ACTIVITIES NOW CONDUCTED BY THESE AGENCIES, ESPECIALLY THE TWO LOCATED IN MEXICO, WHATEVER MAY BE THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL FORM IN FUTURE. MANY DELEGATIONS PRAISED MEXDEL FOR IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS. DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS HAS BEEN POSTPONED, HOWEVER, WHILE SUBCOMMITTEE WORKS OUT PROPOSALS ON "GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS" AFFECTING ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO FONOFF THE SYMPATHETIC INTEREST OF USDEL IN THE FOREGOING SUGGESTIONS RE. THE FOUR AGENCIES MENTIONED PARAGRAPH 3 AND OUR HOPE THAT MEXDEL SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL BE IN POSITION TO FILL IN DETAILS WHEN DISCUSSION RESUMES. PORTER

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